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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LAUNCHING OF ARAB CAMPAIGN TO OUST ISRAEL FROM
UNGA AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY:

FONMIN DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AFFAIRS AMBASSADOR IBRAHIM TOLD DCM JULY 13 THAT SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM WAS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION TO KEEP ISRAEL OUT OF ITS SEAT AT THE NEXT UNGA AND WAS BEING SUPPORTED BY LIBYANS. HE SAID SAUDI MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD AL FAISAL (WHO IS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN) TRYING TO BLOCK THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE RESULTS IT WOULD HAVE ON U.S. PEACE EFFORTS. EVENING JULY 13 IRANIAN FONMIN KHALATBARI TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE THOUGHT THERE NO LONGER NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ISSUE. IT HAD COME UP IN THE MEETING AND BEEN SKILLFULLY HANDLED BY PRINCE SAUD WHO HAD KEPT IT OFF THE AGENDA. ONLY ONES PUSHING IT NOW WERE PALESTINIANS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AFFAIRS AMBASSADOR NURI IBRAHIM TOLD DCM JULY 13--IN RESPONSE TO DCM'S LETTER TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD OF JULY 12 (REF C)--THAT SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM WAS SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHER ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR A CONFERENCE RESOLUTION URGING THAT ISRAEL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ITS SEAT AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE UNGA. THEY SYRIANS WERE BEING SECONDED BY LIBYAN DELEGATION. AMBASSADOR IBRAHIM SAID THE SUBJECT HAD COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRINCE SAUD AND FONMIN KHADDAM, AND THE PRINCE WAS TRYING TO BLOCK THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT BELIEVED THAT IF PASSED, IT WOULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE RESULTS ON U.S. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, PRINCE SAUD WANTED THE USG TO BE INFORMED AGAIN OF THE URGENCY THAT SAUDI ARABIA ATTACHED TO CONTINUED U.S. EFFORTS AND PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD SATISFY BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA. UNLESS EVIDENCE OF SUCH PROGRESS AND OF THE USG'S RESOLUTION ARE VISIBLE, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR FRIENDS OF THE U.S. TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE LINE AGAINST PROPOSALS SUCH AS THOSE OF FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM.

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3. AT KING KHALID'S DINNER JULY 13 IN HONOR OF THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS AMBASSADOR HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH IRANIAN FONMIN KHALATBARI THE QUESTION OF A MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. IT WAS KHALATBARI'S VIEW THAT THERE IS LITTLE NEED FOR CONCERN OVER THIS ISSUE AT THIS CONFERENCE. KHALATBARI SAID THE PALESTINIANS ARE PUSHING THE ISSUE, BUT THAT SAUDI MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD AL FAISAL (THE CONFERENCE

CHAIRMAN) HAD DEALT SKILLFULLY WITH IT, AND HAD MANAGED TO
KEEP IT OFF THE AGENDA.

4. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS ISSUE WITH
VARIOUS DELEGATES BUT DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE IT AGAIN
WITH THE SAUDIS UNLESS IT SEEMS LIKELY TO GET OUT OF HAND.
WE THINK THE SAUDIS HAVE A GOOD APPRECIATION OF THE DANGERS
FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT IF A MOVE TO OUST
ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA WERE TO GET OUT OF HAND AND SUCCEED.
THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO CALM THE ISSUE BECAUSE THEY
SEE IT IN THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS.
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